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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KLUTZ ET AL.

Examiner

Ms. Arti Singh

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13, 16, 17 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn. The Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's remarks dated 04/17/07. Applicant's arguments are found to be persuasive and all previously made rejections are now withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is set forth below. At this time in the prosecution claims 9-13, 16, 17 and 21 are viable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 9-13, 16, 17 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 3634126 issued to Cain in view of

4. Cain teaches a method for depositing two compositions on a fabric wherein each surface of the fabric contains different compositions (column 1, lines 5-10, column 2, lines 42-70 and). The compositions applied to the fabric in accordance with the invention may be either solid or liquid compositions impart a plethora of properties which can include durable creasing, soil release, abrasion resistance, antistatic, wash and wear characteristics, fire retardancy, lubricants, softeners etc., (column 1, lines 20-25 and column 3, lines 19-30). The reference teaches that two fabrics may be coated having two different coatings per fabric (column 4, lines 1-10). Cain also sets forth that one side may be treated with acrylics (see

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working Examples). The Examiner is equating this to be equivalent to Applicant's anionic treatment. Thus, Cain teaches a textile fabric, which has a first side and a second side, and each side respectively is coated with a different composition that is substantially isolated. Cain et al. allude to the teachings that the coating compositions are chosen to impart multiple properties, such as soil release within the same textile, but fails to expressively suggest that the first side is coated with a cationic water repellant fluorochemical treatment. Wang et al remedy this.

Wang et al. teach treating textile substrates with fluorocarbon in a minimal amount to impart the properties of oil and water repellency [0057 and 0063]. Therefore, a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to coated one side of the textile with a fluorocarbon such as that suggested by Wang et al., motivated by the reasoned expectation of providing a composite that was waterproof and oil repellant on at least one side.


Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ms. Arti Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-1483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 9-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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